

REMARKS

In the Office Action of July 25, 2005, the Examiner asserted a restriction requirement taking the position that claim 23 is drawn to a different invention from claims 1-22 and 24. Applicants provisionally elect 1-22 and 24. However, claim 23 has been made dependent upon claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-22 were indicated to be allowable subject to addressing certain asserted informalities in claims 1 and 2. Claims 1 and 2 have been changed as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 1 has been broadened when amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Therefore, claims 1-22 should be allowed.

Claim 23 depends from claim 1 and should be allowable for the reasons in support of allowability of claim 1. In addition, claim 23 is independently patentable.

Page 5, beginning at paragraph 9 of the Office Action, contains a rejection of claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on Fung et al. In addition, page 6 contains a rejection of this claim based on Ahmed. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Inasmuch as the Examiner's Office Action proposed a withdrawal of claim 23, and given the language found in the rejection set forth in paragraph 9, applicants are assuming that the rejection is actually of claim 24 and not claim 23. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, claim 24 has been canceled without prejudice to facilitate prosecution of this Application.

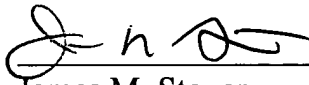
The claims of the present application are allowable for numerous reasons. On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner recited, "the prior art fails to teach or suggest [sic] diagnosing a problem indicated by the state based at least on information derived from results of processing of the one or more queries and

indicating a possible reaction of a decision-maker to the diagnosis.” The reasons for allowance are not limited to this reasoning.

Applicants understand that the Examiner has approved the formal drawings previously submitted in this application. However, it is requested that the Examiner confirm the Examiner’s acceptance and approval of the previously submitted drawings.

The Application should be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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